

ALARACT 153/2007 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMY MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (MTBI)/POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AWARENESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM, DTG 110703Z JUL 07. This message announces the establishment of the Army MTBI/PTSD Awareness and Response Program. The intent of the program is to train all Army Soldiers to recognize the symptoms of MTBI/PTSD, and inform Soldiers and leaders on how to receive treatment for Soldiers and families affected by MTBI/PTSD. Training will inform leaders, Soldiers, and families of the physical and psychological effects of MTBI/PTSD associated with combat operations and provide awareness for the subsequent treatment of those conditions. Detailed guidance on implementation of the program will be published via ALARACT on 17 Jul 07.

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THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE PENTAGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER
ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//DAMO-TRL//

SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMY MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (MTBI)/POST
TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AWARENESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ACTING SECRETARY OF ARMY'S DIRECTION TO ESTABLISH A
MTBI/PTSD AWARENESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM, 15 MAY 2007.

1. (U) PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARMY MTBI/PTSD AWARENESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM.
THE INTENT OF THE PROGRAM IS TO TRAIN ALL ARMY SOLDIERS TO RECOGNIZE
THE SYMPTOMS OF MTBI/PTSD, AND INFORM SOLDIERS AND LEADERS ON HOW TO
RECEIVE TREATMENT FOR SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MTBI/PTSD.

2. (U) BACKGROUND. OUR CURRENT OPERATIONS HAVE IDENTIFIED MTBI AND
PTSD AS A RECURRING CONDITION AFFECTING UNITS, SOLDIERS, AND
FAMILIES. THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE, AND CAN BE
TREATED; LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS MUST UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLES IN
SUSTAINING THE FORCE. TRAINING ON MTBI AND PTSD WILL INFORM LEADERS,
SOLDIERS, AND FAMILIES OF THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF
MTBI/PTSD ASSOCIATED WITH COMBAT OPERATIONS AND PROVIDE AWARENESS FOR
THE SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT OF THOSE CONDITIONS. IN ORDER TO REMAIN ARMY
STRONG, EVERY LEADER AND SOLDIER MUST BE CAPABLE OF IDENTIFYING
SYMPTOMS AND ENSURING THAT TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE TO EVERY SOLDIER
WHO REQUIRES OR REQUESTS IT.

3. (U) IMPLEMENTATION. DETAILED GUIDANCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROGRAM WILL BE PUBLISHED ON 17 JULY 2007 IN AN ALARACT TITLED,
"INTERIM GUIDANCE - ARMY MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (MTBI)/POST
TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AWARENESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM."

4. (U) QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ALARACT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ARMY G3
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5. (U) EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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